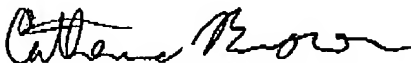


Remarks

The examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The examiner indicated that claims 1-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome this rejection. The applicants amended claims 1, 3, 8, and 13 and canceled claims 11, 12, 16, and 17, as the examiner suggested. Therefore, the applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. Y112, second paragraph is rendered moot, and the applicants request allowance of all claims.

This reply is being submitted within the period for response to the outstanding office action. Although the applicants believe in good faith that no extensions of time are needed, the applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

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